BURARRA– GUN-NARTPA ALPHABET and ALPHABETICAL ORDER

The 26 sounds of Burarra and Gun-nartpa are written like this:

a b ch d e g i j k l m n ng ny o p r rd rl rn rr rt t u w y

and these make up the true Burarra–Gun-nartpa alphabet, each sound having its own important difference. Notice that some of these sounds are written with two letters; these are called digraphs. English also uses digraphs for some sounds, for example *ch* in children and *ng* in sing, but these are not listed in the English alphabet.

The letters of the English alphabet are:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

In this dictionary the headword for each entry is listed according to English alphabetical order—letter by letter, whether a letter belongs to a digraph or not—since this is the system which most people using the dictionary will already know.

Sometimes entries are expressions of more than one word, but in this dictionary the alphabetical order does not continue from the first word into the second. Instead all the entries having the same first word immediately follow each other, in alphabetical order according to the second word, and so on.

Alphabetical order ignores the spelling conventions of hyphen and the occasional full stop which occur in the middle of words (see following sections on Hyphen and Stress, and Spelling Conventions).

Glasgow, Kathleen. 1994. Burarra-Gun-Nartpa Dictionary with English Finder's List. Darwin: Summer Institute of Linguistics.